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The System of Immigration.

Have you ever stopped to think how so many foreigners ever found their way into this great country and in what manner they travel ? It is no doubt a deep problem to those that have seen foreigners travelling about as we all know that they are found in every part of the United States. We might compare them to the sparrows that were brought over from England in large crates years ago to free the trees and plants from insects ; now we find that the country is full of the unwelcome intruders. The foreigners were brought here by corporations, fine inducements and good wages. Agents were secretly sent to Italy and Austria Hungary by large corporations and contractors, to engage and send them men, as these foreigners would do the work for much less money than American laborers and, further more, would do that dangerous work which American laborers have positively refused to do.

This method of bringing foreigners into this country was soon discovered by the Government and many restrictions and by-laws were put into effect at once concerning the immigration to this country.

After a very rigid medical examination at the Ellis Island quarantine station, every foreigner is compelled to certify that he has simply come to this country of his own free will. The moment a foreigner says, "I have work reserved" he is immediately taken to another department and without another word he is sent back to his native home on the return trip of the steamer by which he came to this country.

Many are inclined to be very smart when they are questioned by the United States Immigrant Commissioner, especially those that have been here before. To these no mercy is shown, as they are sent back without another word.

I once met a foreigner who had crossed the ocean twelve times ; he was turned back five times, twice from Baltimore and three

Connected with the Negro Problem are the various crimes and assaults which have been committed throughout our great Southland. The punishment of these various crimes has caused still another question—as to whether or not lynching is legal. Statics show that seventy-three (73) negroes were lynched during the past year. Though even lynching seems an easy death for those who have ruined or desolated a home, it can hardly be denied that the legality of such a proceeding is questionable. In the third clause of the second section in article three of the Constitution it is explicitly set forth that “the trial of all crimes, except in case of impeachment, shall be by jury.” Again, in the Fifth and Eighth Amendments it is declared that no one is to be punished, imprisoned, or fined except by legal authority. From these parts of our constitution it would seem that there can be no doubt as to the unlawfulness of lynching.

As a whole the Negro Problem is a question that will be settled largely by the passing of time. In addition to this it would be well to instill in the mind of the average negro an idea of the value and use of money of which he now has but a dim conception.

—“DIXIE.”

A Dissertation on Girls.

A girl is a kid that will some day grow up to be a woman instead of a man if she is careful and is not killed by an automobile or street car, or die from other natural causes. You can tell the difference between a boy and a girl because a girl puts on airs and has curls and don’t get holes in the knees of her stockings by shooting marbles for keeps.

Girls are funny children. They get sore on a fellow when he kisses them and they sometimes get sore because he does not kiss them. How can a fellow tell what to do? I do not know. I have known a good many girls in my time and they are all just the same except the colors of their hair, their eyes and the dresses they wear.

Girls’ favorite fun is chewing gum and telling tales to their mothers. They also enjoy ice cream soda when they can get it. I would not be a girl for anything because they can never be a base ball pitcher or President of the United States.

Girls are afraid of mice, rats, bugs, freckles and last year’s clothes. Girls are certainly funny sometimes but I think maybe they will get better when they grow up. Father says young spirits do get better with age.

—Ex.

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EDITORIAL.

Examinations are over for the present and since, as a whole, their results are fairly satisfactory, no one need feel bad except to an extent that will stimulate him to a greater effort in the future. Of course, most of us will feel, and justly so, that we could have done better but this worry must be saved for Finals.

On the Monday after "Exams." began what might be called the "home stretch," and it behooves each of us to do his best from now on. To those who are expecting to enter college next year these last few months mean a great deal and should be spent in a way that will bring the best possible results. To those, too, who will go to work after this year the good that can be accomplished in the remaining few months is of infinite value. Let us all, therefore, study with determination and by thus working be able to say, in June, that we have accomplished much good as a result of real conscientious study.

It has recently been announced that there is to be a Declamatory Contest in which a prize will be awarded to the best speaker. There should be quite a large number willing to enter into this contest as it is excellent training. It is true that it takes no small amount of time and patience to obtain the necessary practice but this will be amply compensated by the good which will result.

The ability to speak with ease in public is an accomplishment greatly to be desired and one

ENTERTAINMENT.

On Wednesday night, February 20th, the people of Fort Defiance and neighborhood and the Cadets were delightfully entertained by Mr. Gilbert A. Eldredge, impersonator. Mr. Eldredge came to us well recommended as a member of the Radcliffe Lyceum Course.

Many selections were rendered, the majority in costume, in which humor and pathos were judiciously mingled, though humorous pieces were predominant.

In the clerical dress of a divine Mr. Eldredge delivered a funny "sermon", taking for his text old Mother Hubbard and her dog. Again as "Widow Bedott", "The Northern Cobbler", and "The School Boy" he was fine. In the "Graduating Essay" his acting was good and caused the audience much amusement.

As a closing number the impersonator, in costume, gave the horse-trade as described in David Harum.

The evening was enjoyed by all present and Mr. Eldredge has been pronounced the best entertainer that has been here this year.

Wade—There is one thing I don't like about Evelyn."

Tallant—"What is that?"

Wade—"Spindle's arm."

Cadet George Cook, orderly sergeant of company A. returned to school on the 17th inst. Cook has been suffering with rheumatism and we are glad to have him back with us.

Mr. William E. Holtman, alias "Skinny", is engaged in the coal and feed business in Washington, D. C. "Skinny" is enjoying matrimonial bliss and the "Bayonet" wishes him continued happiness.

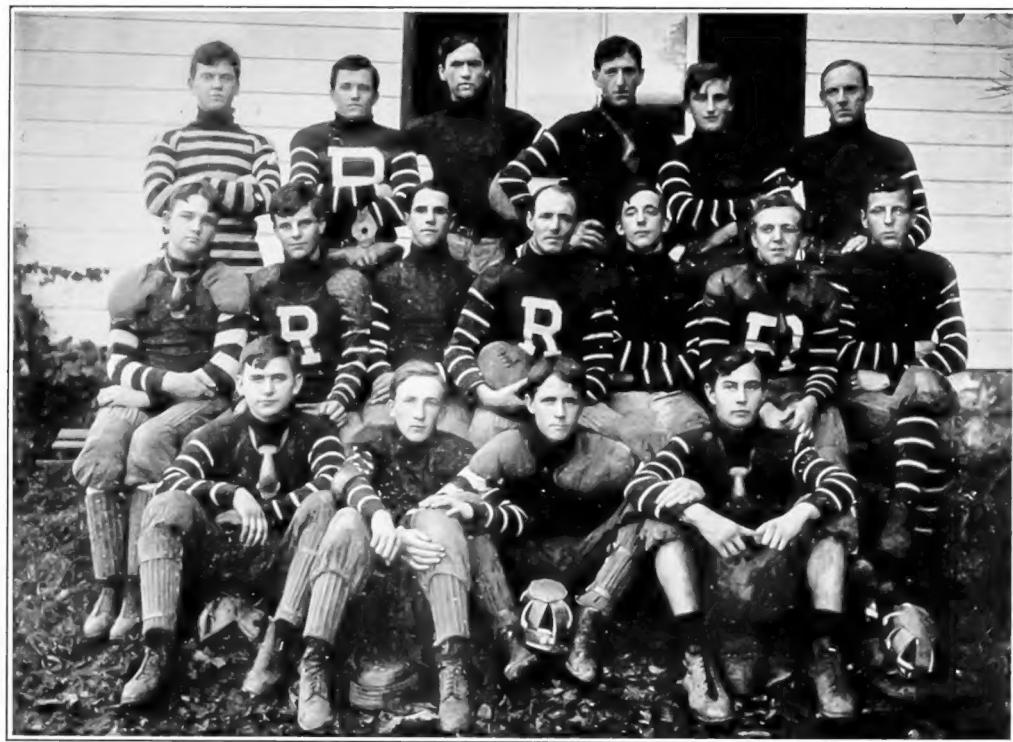
A man must aim well in this world to miss fire in the next.
—Ex.

There was a fresh freshman named Reece,
Mixed some chemicals in with some grease,
Held it over a flame
And exploded the same,
Now we're sending him home peice by peice.

—*Cornel Widow.*

Little Willie at the table
Just as hard as he was able,
Hit his mother with a platter,
And remarked, "That swats the mater".

—*Cornel Widow.*



FOOT BALL TEAM OF 1906-7

(By mistake a Cut of the Team of 1905-6 was inserted in last issue.)

ATHLETICS.

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Basket Ball.

Our last basket ball game was with the Y. M. C. A. team from Staunton on January 15th in Academy Hall. We were defeated in this game by the score of 27 to 17.

The first half ended with the score of 10 to 9 in favor of the home team. In the second half, however, the superior training of the Staunton aggregation, which has played practically the same men for the last three years, manifested itself and we lost to the tune of the above named score. Both teams did excellent work but luck seemed to be against the soldier boys in the last part of the game especially. May did the best work for the visiting team, his strongest point being his ability to pitch goals from the

field. Black and Krug did good work for the home team. Below is the line up of the A. M. A. team.

R. F.—C. S. Roller, Jr.

L. F.—Krug.

R. G.—Venable.

L. G.—Gardner, M—Waller.
Center—Black (Captain.)

Base Ball.

We expect to be well represented on the diamond this year, with several of last year's players and several new boys who have played the game for quite a while. Those of our last year's men back are: Maj. Roller, Gardner, S., Burdett, Cook G., Waddill, Rice, Col. Roller.

Seventeen games have already been scheduled for the coming seasons, one of which is with the University of Virginia and another with the Virginia Military Institute. The complete schedule of games will be published in our next issue.

Hamilton—"Do you give six pieces of candy for five cents?",

Mr. R—"Yes."

Hamilton—"Six for five, five for four, four for three, three for two, two for one, one for nothing. Give me one, please."



PERSONALS.



On January 25th the Cadet Corps gave its New Year's German in the Academy Hall, which had previously been fixed up for the occasion. Seats were arranged for the spectators, and the musicians were so fixed that they had a full view of the dance hall, thus making the music sound clearer.

About twelve o'clock delightful refreshments were served to all.

The following are the ones that danced.

Col. Roller, Miss Blackburn.

Maj. Roller, Miss Bucher.

Capt. Spindle, Miss M. B. Roller.

Capt. Pole, Miss Grace Bell.

Cadet Spindle, Miss Margaret Byers.

Cadet Brightwell, Miss May Richey.

Cadet Hamilton, Miss Cook, of Staunton.

Cadet Cook, T, Miss Eleanor Richey.

Cadet Arters, Miss Shelton.

Cadet Pole, Miss Miller.

Cadet Teter, D. Miss Jessie Miller.

Cadet Wade, Miss Venie Bell.

Cadet Hoshall, Miss Nannie Richey.

Cadet Pyles, Miss Haller.

Cadet Sawer, Miss Mary Dudley.

Cadet Tallant, Miss Mary Roller.

Cadet Lora, Miss Sites.

Cadet Warner, Miss Livingston.

Cadet Rubel, Miss Livers.

Cadet Rice, Miss Hamilton.

Cadet Gardner W., Miss Sally Stout.

Cadet Gardner, S., Miss Perkins.

Cadet Kail, Miss McCue.

Cadet Rountree, Miss Mabel McCue.

Cadet Dewitt, Miss Whitmore.

Cadet Munroe, Miss Dudley.

Cadet Sites, Miss Cunningham.

Cadet Easley, Miss Dunlop.

Cadet Doss, Miss Patterson.

Cadet Churchman, Miss Kelly.

Stags—Cadets Bertram, Wilton, Powers, Baron, Venable, Nelson, Hatten, Carson, Lewis, Magee, Todd, Clarkson, Bonnave, Black, Waddill, Hanna, Dundore, Thomas, Holmes, Proctor, Gardner, M., Ashby, Yates, Nalle, Jones, Woodzell, Stout.

Chaperons—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Mt. Sidney.

We had a dream the other night
When everything was still,
We dreamed that each subscriber
Came right up and paid his bill.

Latin.

They are all dead who wrote it,
They are all dead who spoke it,
They all must die that learn it,
Oh, happy death—they earn it.

Lives of editors remind us
That their lives are not sub-
lime
But they have to work like thun-
der
To get their copy up in time.

Last night I held a little hand,
So dainty and so neat,
I thought my heart would surely
break
So wildly did it beat,
No other hand unto my soul
Can greater solace bring
Than that hand that I held last
night
Four aces and a king.

A few days ago Tucker Cook
went to Richey's store and when
asked what he wanted, said,
"Could you please give me an
empty box of crackers to build
a chicken coop for my dog?"

Some of the cadets are having
trouble with their Latin lessons
on account of the autos scaring
their ponies.

"Take it out in wanting," says
Lora.

Miss S. S. "No Herbert, I am
sorry, but I am sure we could not
be happy together, you know I
always want my own way in
everything."

Lora. "But my dear girl, you
could go on wanting it after we
were married.

J. W. A. Holmes says that his
girl's love is like money, easy
come, easy go.

Col. Roller says that he can
make a cadet go to school, but he
can't make him think.

Daniel Spindle would like to
know why Mosby Wade is going
into business in Kennard, Ne-
braska.

New additions to the reformed
list:—Sterett spells waiter, water;
unnecessary, unnesesery.

During the exams., Gentry ask-
ed Maj. Roller whether Caesar
was a man or a woman.

Cadet Arters is getting up a
subscription dance.

(It is rumored that he will have
a new suit.)

Statistics.

Many people claim that they are so very familiar with boys and know them so well. However, we realize that no one can know or understand a boy as perfectly as can another boy, especially when he lives with him and sees all his moods, pranks, etc. Realizing this, the following questions have been voted upon by the cadets and it will readily be seen that, as a general rule, the answers are appropriate:

Who is the most popular Cadet ?
Burgett.

Who is the greatest ladies' man ?
Holmes.

Who is the biggest eater ?—Gardner M.

Who is the best foot-ball player ?
Black.

Who is the best base-ball player ?
Gardner. S.

Who is the best all round athlete ?
Gardner S.

Who is the best dancer ?—Rice.

Who is the smartest Cadet ?
Beard.

Who is the hardest student ?
Cook T.

Who is the hardest smoker ?
Gardner S.

Who is the most awkward Cadet ?
Crawford.

Who is the best officer ?—Rice.

Who is the most popular officer ?
Brightwell.

Who is the wittiest Cadet ?
Churchman.

Who has the most brass ?—Rubel.

Who is the greatest sport ?—Rubel.

Who is the biggest bum ?—Gardner M.

Who has the most school spirit ?
Hoshall.

Many Years Before.

The following is the reply of a fond father, who had just received a letter from his son, a student at A. M. A. : My dear Son—Accept my heartiest congratulations, I was engaged to the same Miss——, and can appreciate the fun you are having.—Your loving Father.

A Rat went to Hades once,
Thinking that he might learn ;
They sent him back again,
He was to green too burn.

What Mike Waddill has learned in his Physics and Geometry.

Col. Roller. "Now Mr. Waddill, equilibrium is a state of perfect rest and—

Mike. "But Col., Heaven is a state of perfect rest, and therefore Heaven is a state of equilibrium. (Things equal to the same things are equal to each other.)

Y. M. C. A.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The progress which has always marked our work here is still continuing with us, making the services interesting and beneficial.

On February 3rd. Dr. Fraser, of Staunton, favored us with a splendid talk. He prefaced his address by saying "that religion is intended to restore man to his former place, from which he fell by sinning against God". With this as a subject for discussion his talk was good and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. The meeting was open to the public and the attendance was large.

Be sure to get a copy of Mike Waddill's book, "How to play short stop, and play it well.

AT THE CONVENTION.

As was announced sometime ago, a State College Convention of the Y. M. C. A. was held at Charlottesville on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of the month. Our delegates were Colonel Roller, Cadets Hoshall, Arters, Kail and Churchman.

Owing to examinations our delegation did not arrive at Charlottesville until noon on the 9th. The total number of delegates present were two hundred and sixteen (216).

Various addresses were made on the different phases of Association work and the difficulties encountered in accomplishing it. From these many helpful ideas were obtained and these should serve to improve the work in all Association branches represented.

On Sunday morning, the 10th, Dr. Stone, of Baltimore, delivered a fine sermon on "The Price of Power". He handled his subject in a masterly way and made a deep impression on a congregation composed entirely of delegates and students.

A very delightful feature of the Convention was the singing by the Virginia Male Quartette.

Military.

As we go to press the cadet officers are being notified that drill will soon be resumed. This gives us about three more months of drill before June, by which time we should have received enough training to enable the battalion to make a creditable showing here at Finals and at Jamestown.

To get the best results it is necessary to inculcate in all the cadets implicit obedience. Under this all such things as turning one's head, laughing, spitting, etc. in ranks would be done away with. Each cadet must have at heart the interest of his company and battalion and should constantly strive to be exact in the performance of all duties. Neatness is highly desirable and both clothes and arms should be kept scrupulously clean.

All officers are especially urged to conduct themselves in a way suitable to their ranks. By thus doing they will gain the respect of their inferiors, to whom they should serve as examples, and the commendation of superiors for soldierly bearing.

“We’re come to love our little bed,

It is to us, what thrones are to kings”—EASLEY and POWERS.

A Comedy Full of Errors.

On Saturday, 16th day of February, hearing that a first class comedy was coming to the near by town of Mt. Sidney, Col. Roller, at the request of the cadet corps, marched us down to the exhibit.

The first thing on the program was a singing class, which the people from the country seemed to enjoy very much, but at the second reproduction they seemed to grow weary. “Mr. Carry Nation” then came out on the platform and gave a very tiresome talk on cigarette smoking. It was the general opinion of the audience, that “Mr. Nation” must have had a good deal of experience in the things he talked about, as he knew all of the facts to a standstill.

This cigarette lecture was an unfortunate feature of the concert, as it served only to antagonize the audience against the entire company. It should occur to the minds of all thinking people that, as a rule, a crowd of young folks will not pay an admission fee to hear themselves “hotly roasted.” A word to the wise is sufficient, and the Dixie Concert Company would do well to eliminate that part of the program.

EXCHANGES.

The High School News is a well written little paper and one that does credit to its editors.

The *University School Topics*, of Memphis, is an interesting little paper. "The Wrecks of the Sheridan" is an exciting story and might well have been made longer than it is.

It is with great pleasure that we again greet *The Monthly Chronicle* from the Episcopal High School. The paper is very well written and reflects great credit on the school.

As usual, *College Topics* is full of interesting news and notes from the University.

We are pleased to acknowledge the following exchanges also: *The High School Bulletin*, *The Ring-Turn-Phi*, *The Virginia Tech*, *College Life* and *Merry Maids*.

When you see a man holding up a post the post is either loose or the man is tight.—Ex.

Tschudy: "Those that have the cocoanut on the cakes can't have but one, and—"

Lewis: "Here take mine back quick."

Capt. Pole—"And now Gardner, where was the Declaration of Independence signed?"

Gardner M.—"At the bottom, sir."

Capt. W.—"Munroe who was Wycliffe and what did he do?"

Munroe—"He was a Roman who came to England during the 19th century and invented the first Bible."

Cadet Nalle has received an appointment to West Point, which he will enter about the middle of May.

Our Y. M. C. A. has a movement on foot to produce a Minstrel Show on a very extensive scale and work will begin shortly in order to give an entertainment the latter part of March.



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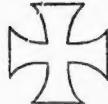
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